



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), the unexpected & sudden death of apparently healthy babies, in of which no cause of death can be found after an autopsy & death scene investigation, is on of the leading causes of death in Idaho for infants under one year of age; and

WHEREAS, SIDS claims the lives of between 200 and 300 babies each year, approximately one baby for every thousand born; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the American Academy of Pediatrics provide recommendations for safe sleep positions and environmental factors that may help reduce the risk for SIDS; and

WHEREAS, infants in Idaho continue to die from SIDS, and caregivers are unaware of risk reduction practices, including placing babies on their backs to sleep, choosing safe bedding, keeping babies from overheating, choosing breastfeeding when possible and creating tobacco-free environments; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness among Idaho parents and infant caregivers on the importance of creating a safe sleep environment has great potential for saving lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2005, to be

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-sixth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE